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REMARKS

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1. Between 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. on 7 August 1953, a troop train of 8 boxcars with billeting equipment and an undetermined number of flatcars with 26 rocket launchers was unloaded at the Eberswalde railroad station. The unit drove to the Schmuetzen Kaserne. ¹

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2. At about 10 a.m. on 27 July, a train of 38 SSY-type flatcars with 38 T-34 tanks was unloaded at Wriezen. The train came from the direction of Frankfurt/Oder. The tanks drove toward Bad Freienwalde - Altranft. ² At about 11 p.m. on 31 July, a train of 23 tank cars with escort personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets arrived at the Eberswalde railroad station and, according to a railroadman, left for Biesenthal at 11:20 p.m. On 3 August, a troop train of 10 boxcars with 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and 26 side-rack flatcars with a new 3-axle truck each was unloaded at the Bad Freienwalde railroad station.

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3. On 6 August, about 30 trucks with bridge construction material were unloaded at Bernau. ³

4. On 7 August, tents were broken and only about 50 trucks were parked. Troops marching toward the Kaulsdorf railroad station included 32 T-34/85 tanks, 2 BA-64 armored scout cars, 10 trucks and 1 field kitchen. Previously loaded at the Kaulsdorf railroad station were 8 JSU-122, 2 heavy SP guns, 5 trucks and tank

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5. Beginning 11:30 a.m. on 5 August, a troop train of 12 boxcars and 30 gondola cars was loaded with soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 25 trucks with pontoons, 1 motor boat, equipment, 1 field kitchen, 1 tank truck, 1 radio truck, 1 jeep and 1 sidecar motorcycle at the Mahlwinkel railroad station. The unit came from the Bittkau engineer training camp.

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6. Beginning at noon on 6 August, 5 trucks with pontoons, other trucks with a motor boat and equipment, 1 field kitchen, 1 radio truck, 1 jeep, and 1 sidecar motorcycle were entrained at the Tangerhuetten railroad station.

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7. On 4, 5 and 6 August, about 10 percent of the windows of the Taentzien Kaserne in Stendal were lighted after dusk. The AAA emplacement east of the installation was vacated. 50X1-HUM

8. On 4 August, only the guardhouse of the Hindenburg Kaserne in Stendal was lighted after nightfall.

9. On the evening of 3 August, a troop train of 12 boxcars and 27 side-rack flatcars with 10 trucks and 10 x 300-mm rocket launchers was observed leaving the Stendal railroad station toward Berlin. 50X1-HUM

1. Comment. The train possibly carried elements of the 312th Gds RI Regt of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army which returned from a troop training grounds. The train, however, is reported for the first time

2. Comment. Although none of these troop trains has been previously reported, components of the 6th Mecz Div may have returned from Berlin to Bad Freienwalde on 27 July and 3 August 1953.

3. Comment. Probably elements of the 22nd Gds Engr Bn of the 6th Gds Mecz Div were unloaded at Bernau which, according to railroad records, moved from Tangerhuetten to Bernau on the troop train

On 5 August 1953, probably elements of the 194th Engr Bn of the 25th Tank Div were loaded at Mahlwinkel on a train bound for Vogelsang.

probably elements of the 122nd (?) Gds Engr Bn of the 7th Gds Mecz Div were entrained which moved to Fuerstenwalde on the troop train. All these troop trains indicate the completion of the engineer field exercises of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army in the Bittkau training area in early August which had commenced in early July 1953. 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM

4. Comment. Probably components of the 6th Gds Mecz Div returned to their home stations. two troop trains went from Kaulsdorf to Biesenthal on 7 August 1953. As components of the 7th Gds Mecz Div from the Wuhlheide area also rotated with other units of the division, it is believed that components of the 6th Gds Mecz Div followed the same procedure. 50X1-HUM

5. Comment. there is no change in the occupation of the two barracks installations. Thus, the Taentzien Kaserne probably still housed small contingents of the Indep Sig Bn of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps. 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM

6. Comment. The train probably was the troop train carrying elements of the 25th RI Brig which from Altengrabow to Ratherow.

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